

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A dish drainer and tray set comprising:
a dish drainer having an interior and a base;
a tray having a footprint larger than the base of the drainer
when the tray is in a first deployed configuration; and
the tray being compacted to a size sufficiently small to allow
it to fit entirely within the interior of the drainer when the tray is in a
second storage configuration.
2. The set of claim 1 wherein the tray is made from a synthetic
resin.
3. The set of claim 1 wherein the tray includes at least one
hinge, and where the tray is folded about the hinge when the tray is
converted from its deployed to its storage configuration.
4. The set of claim 3 wherein the tray is made from a synthetic
resin and each hinge is a live hinge.
5. The set of claim 1 wherein the tray is flexible and is rolled up
to convert it from its deployed configuration to its storage configuration.
6. The set of claim 5 wherein the tray is made from a synthetic
resin.
7. The set of claim 5 wherein the tray includes a lock for
maintaining the tray in its storage configuration.
8. The set of claim 7 wherein the tray has an upper surface and
a lower surface and the lock comprises a plurality of pegs on one of the
surfaces and a plurality of holes on the other of the surfaces located so

4 that the pegs and holes are aligned when the tray is in ^{the} its storage position
5 and the pegs are inserted into the holes.

1 9. The set of claim 1 further comprising a silverware
2 compartment which is readily detachable from or attachable to the tray.

1 10. The set of claim 9 wherein the compartment includes first
2 locking components and the tray includes second locking components,
3 the first and second locking components being locked together when the
4 compartment is attached to the tray.

1 11. The set of claim 10 wherein one of the first and second
2 locking components is a plurality of pegs and the other of the first and
3 second locking components is a plurality of holes sized to receive the
4 pegs.

1 ^{Sub} 12. The set of claim 9 wherein the silverware compartment is
2 sized to fit entirely within the drainer interior with the tray in its storage
3 configuration.

1 13. A combination dish drainer, tray set and package comprising
2 of;

3 a dish drainer having a bottom, walls and an open top
4 together defining a drainer interior;

5 a tray having a first compacted storage configuration and a
6 second deployed configuration, the tray fitting entirely within the drainer
7 interior when in its storage configuration and having a footprint greater
8 than the bottom of the drainer when in its deployed configuration, the
9 tray being in its storage configuration; and

10 a package sized to contain the drainer, the package being too
11 small to contain this tray in its deployed configuration.

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1 14. The set and package of claim 13 wherein the package is
2 selected from this group consisting of corrugated, folding carton, or
3 plastic film packages or packages made from combinations thereof.

1 15. The set and package of claim 13 wherein the tray is folded in
2 its storage configuration.

1 16. The set and package of claim 13 wherein the tray is rolled in
2 its storage configuration.

1 17. The set and package of claim 13 further including a
2 silverware compartment selectively attachable to and detachable from the
3 tray when the tray is in its deployed configuration, the compartment also
4 placed within the drainer interior.

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